Patent Application Attorney Docket No.PC10370A hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Hon. Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 24th day of December, 2003 Ву ture of person i Janice Denison (Typed or printed name of person) IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ghazwan Saleem Butrous, et al. : : Examiner: Jones, Dwayne C. APPLICATION NO.: 09/692,807 Group Art Unit: 1614 FILING DATE: October 20, 2000 TITLE: Treatment of Pulmonary Hypertension Hon. Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on <u>JUNE 25, 2003</u>, and having an original period for response of <u>3 MONTHS</u>, which expired on <u>SEPTEMBER 25, 2003</u>, be extended by <u>3 MONTHS</u>, such that it expires on <u>DECEMBER 25, 2003</u>.

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